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Serial No.: 10/040,117

For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING
PACKAGING BAGS WITH A FASTENER**

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**PETITION UNDER RULE 78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT
UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM**

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SIR:

Patentee respectfully petitions for the acceptance of an unintentionally delayed

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priority claim to include U.S. patent application serial no. 09/633,944, filed August 8, 2000 and which was pending on January 4, 2002 (the filing date of this application). This priority was originally requested on December 23, 2002 as shown in the attached copy of the Preliminary Amendment

It is respectfully submitted that said Preliminary Amendment provides the reference to the prior-filed application under 35 U.S.C. §120, as required by Rule 78(a)(3)(i)

The surcharge set forth in Rule 17(t) as required by Rule 78(a)(3)(ii) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1145, Order No. 099998.000069.

In accordance with Rule 78(a)(3)(iii), patentee states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under Rule 78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

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